

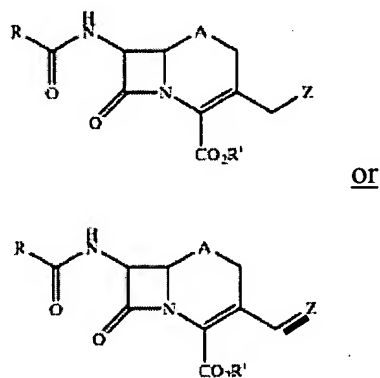
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

These amendments introduce no new matter and support for the amendment is replete throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter, or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula:



in which

R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, the ammonium cation, and $-\text{CHR}_2\text{OCO}(\text{CH}_3)_3[[-]]$, in which

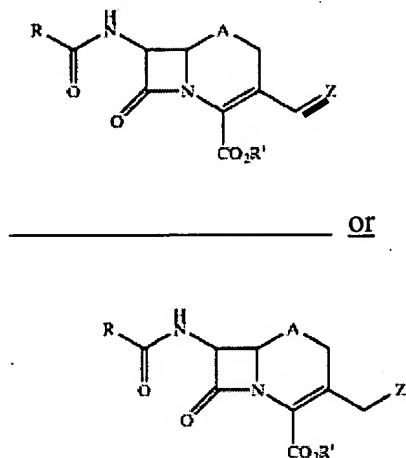
R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl; deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β - morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkylaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, SO₂ and CH₂; and

Z is a donor fluorescent moiety.

Claims 2 - 16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula:



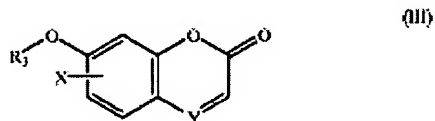
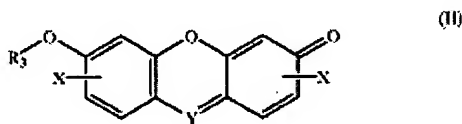
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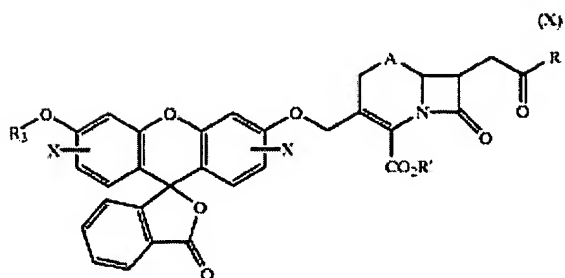
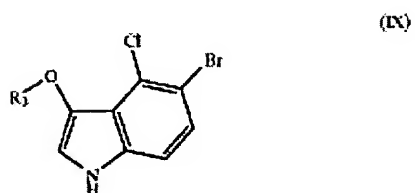
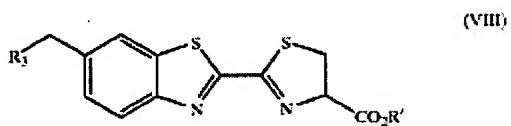
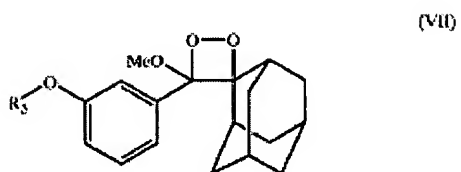
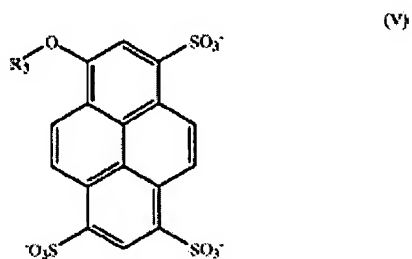
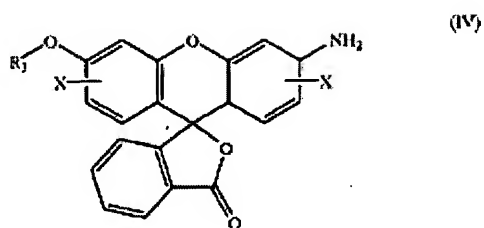
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A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, SO₂ and CH₂; and

Z is selected from:





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